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Don't Neglect To Arrange Your Affairs To Attend The Big Picnic On May 27th.

Democratic Caucus.

The democrats of Lakin township held a caucus last Thursday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the candidates to be placed on the township ticket, at the August primaries. The following ticket is announced, which will be placed on the primary ballot, according to the new law:

For Trustee, John Doherty.
For Clerk, Gus Mellies.
For Treasurer, John C. Iern.
For Justice of the Peace, Chas. Q. Archer and John Berscheid, Jr.

For Constables, Geo. Logan and H. C. Woolley.

For township committeemen, Ed D. Iern.—Ellinwood Leader.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Office of the County Clerk,
May 4th, 1908.

The Commissioners of Barton County met in regular session pursuant to law. All members of the board present, except Commissioner N. W. Klepper.

The following bills were examined and allowed:

Henry Dreble, coffee scalp	\$ 9.00
George Stalant	5.00
B. Lewis	1.00
H. Bushman	10.00
Charles Schermy	10.00
Lois Buschman	10.00
Henry Dreble	6.00
Christ W. Rebe	2.00
Henry Christiansen	10.00
Leslie R. Dugan	5.00
O. Allen, deputy assessor	75.00
Samuel Bronger	84.00
L. G. McKim	111.00
J. P. Gallon	57.00
J. W. Soderstrom	40.50
Roy Connor	75.00
John Christoph	97.00
D. W. Casey	75.00
John K. Frich	63.00
Chas. Schermy	123.00
J. P. Ocho	50.00
J. E. Van Pelt	45.00
Anton J. Reil	111.70
J. B. Smith	50.00
Chas. W.adden	81.00
E. N. Wilde	49.50
Chas. J. Menzer	69.00
F. B. Neugebauer, county assessor	130.00
Maude Boyles, writing assessment rolls	54.00
Leona Griffith	30.00
C. E. Dunham, call small pox patients	44.25
Mrs. E. L. Jones, lodging papers	1.70
Russell & Meyers, mule for poor	14.38
W. H. Johnson, burial for pauper	2.80
Fargers Grain & Supply Co., coal for poor	13.50
J. S. Daltiel, hog killer	41.70
W. F. Honnen, mule for poor	22.51
J. S. Daltiel, drawing duty	2.00
J. W. Jensen	4.00
James Clayton	2.00
T. M. Barnes, visiting road	2.00
Jacob Ailes	2.00
Boyd Evers	4.00
E. C. Burton, county physician	20.50
Bend Telephone Co., service for county	9.00
Gr. Bend Farming Co., burial of pauper	15.00
W. Toller, salary and drawing permit	19.41
Joe Deegen, mule for poor	22.53
Hugh & Hammond, lumber for county	362.12
J. E. DeMotte, salary janitor	32.50
Copple & Miller, pumping equipment	22.00
Gr. Bend Water Works, service for county	6.64
A. L. Pile, hauling lumber for county	16.00
S. S. Shattuck, agent office	15.00
Ed. Richardson, replacing hydrant	2.25
A. & A. Drug Co., mule for county	2.20
H. C. Oliver, ribbon for adding machine	.75
J. E. Jensen, copying mortgage list	7.00
Western Union Tel. Co. service for county	1.28
Osage & Co. record nomination papers	30.00
S. A. Newcombe, coal for poor	3.75
J. R. Bays, sand for Mill Creek bridge	24.00
J. H. Johnson, J. P. Court vs. Walcott & Ford	5.05
S. S. Shattuck	11.10
V. G. Williams	1.85
Willie Vincent	1.88
W. T. Shook	1.88
Artie T. Turner	1.85
John W. Turner	1.85
J. R. Underwood	2.45
J. M. Bearick	1.85
J. H. Jensen	1.70
S. S. Shattuck	6.59
Wm. Ottman, deputy assessor	112.00
Total	\$205.82

The official bonds of W. H. Zuta-vern, constable of the City of Great Bend, and C. R. Allen, trustee of Union Township were examined and approved.

A road petition, signed by George A. Adams and twelve other householders of Barton County, was read before the Board, praying for the opening of a road in said county, described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 5, Township 18, Range 13, in Homestead township, from thence running due east along the southern boundary line of said section for the distance of one-half mile, said road to be forty feet wide, and the said southern boundary line of said section line to be the center of said road; except it is provided herewith that such parts and parcels of the above described strip of ground as have heretofore been legally opened as a public highway for public travel shall not be in-

cluded within the limits of the road herein prayed for.

Order of the Board: Finding the petition a legal one, and that the proper bond had been filed, and that all of the land owners along the proposed road having signed a relinquishment of all claims for damages against Barton County by reason of the opening of the proposed road, it is hereby ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Trustee of Homestead Township be directed to cause said road to be opened for travel.

Done this 4th day of May, 1908.

A certain road petition was presented to the Board, signed by Henry Steale and twelve others, praying for a view to be had for the establishing a road in Barton County described as follows, viz: Beginning at the north-east corner of section 1, township 16, range 11, west of the 6th P. M., from thence west along the north side of sections 1 and 2 is said township on the line between Barton and Russell counties, connecting with the road extending north and south along the west side of section 35, township fifteen (15), range eleven (11), and the west line of section (2) township sixteen (16), range eleven (11). Said road to be forty feet wide.

Order of the Board: Finding the petition a legal one, and that the proper bond has been filed, and that all of the landowners along the line of the proposed road, agree in writing to the location of said road, it is hereby ordered, that the view be dispensed with, and that the Trustee of Cleveland Township, directed to cause so much of said road as lies in Barton County to be opened to public travel.

The board then adjourned to meet in special session for the transaction of general business on the 18th day of May, 1908.

Signed: Frank Wood,

Chairman.

Attest: H. D. Ashpole,
County Clerk.

Mrs. Marion Howards and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes are spending the week at Excelsor Springs.

H. J. Remmert and wife of Route 1, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home Monday evening.

Mrs. Sam Cory stopped off on her way to Scott City and spent a few hours with Mrs. M. B. Larason and friends.

O. W. Dawson and Louis Zuta-vern visited in Seward Tuesday and [were] in Ed Grov's grove during the blow and did not notice it.

Martin Hempken and wife were in from southeast Rush county today shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Hempken and family have lived there many years and are well fixed in this world's good.

The Four Leaf Clover club met with Mrs. J. W. Smith Tuesday afternoon and had a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. Ashpole as guest. The club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Bishop.

Among the people over from Hoisington attending the meeting of the Knights and Ladies of Security Tuesday evening were Mrs. Max, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Frank Roesler, Mr. and Mrs. Burnside, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hock, Mr. and Mrs. James White and Misses Racey Helfert, Bess Bowler and Ula Tindal.

The Knights and Ladies of Security had a big meeting Tuesday evening. Quite a number were over from Hoisington, several candidates were initiated, and a fine banquet enjoyed. This order is among the leaders in fraternalism and is especially showy in this city having about 180 beneficiary members and a large number of social members.

The Wonder five minute ice cream freezer, the best by test. For sale by the Great Bend Hdwe & Impl't Co.

A Pleasant Surprise.

The young ladies of the New York Store very pleasantly and very much surprised Mr. and Mrs. George Rodecker at their home Monday by calling on them about the time George had got his shoes off and there was plenty evidence that Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker were not looking for company. George hunted around, got on his shoes, filled a coal oil lamp with gasoline and, like to scared himself and everyone else to death. Finally after all was quiet the young ladies informed Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker that they had called in a social way to bid them a preliminary good-bye before Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker left for their new home at Kigman.

The evening was spent in social conversation, a fine luncheon was served by the young ladies. The menu including turkey, sandwiches, chicken salad, ice cream, cake, coffee, ice tea and most everything else good to eat. The luncheon being not only elegant but elaborate. After the luncheon the young ladies presented Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker with a fine piece of cut glass as a memento and a token of respect. The guests were Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Misses Lulu Moore, Glenn Brodie, Pearl Moore, Della Hammond and Daisy Allison.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker will leave for Kingman Wednesday. Mr. Rodecker having resigned his position with the C. Samuels Company Store to the regret of all of his associates and friends. We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Rodecker from our city and wish them success in their new home.

Ten Years In The Philippines

May 1 was the tenth anniversary of the battle of Manila Bay, and the balance sheet of ten years in the Philippines is as follows: American soldiers killed or died of disease 5,000.

Estimated cost of islands \$400,000,000.

Present annual cost to us \$17,000,000.

Total troops sent to island 160,000.

Number now there, 14,000.

Benefits to the United States is summed up officially as "knowledge of the duty done." How this duty has been met by the War Department records tell. An upright judiciary has been established, public schools instituted, a public domain opened, taxation equalized, a stable currency introduced, sanitation improved, the inquisition system abolished, the forests preserved from reckless waste and destruction, freedom of speech, liberty of the press and right to assemble and to petition for redress of grievances guaranteed and the archipelago's first elective assembly instituted. Material development of the islands has been greater in the ten years than in a century preceding. The islands have been netted with telegraph, ninety additional light houses built, 500 miles of highway, railroad building and banking capital encouraged and a postal system established, while a source of constant bickering was removed in the purchase of the friars' lands.

The benefits to the people of the Philippines are evident enough. The cost to this country has been upwards of 400 million dollars. The cost of the Spanish war was a flea bite to it.—Topeka Capital.

In offering to the trade the Jolly Jayhawk sled, we truly believe that we are offering a machine which is better liked, give best general results and will stand the wear and weather longer than any other. Great Bend Hdwe & Impl't Co.

Echo of Ellinwood Bank Failure.

Another chapter in the deplorable story of the failure of the Bank of Ellinwood which was closed by bank examiner Watson on the 20th of January, was started Thursday evening when Sheriff Dalziel arrested Ed Bockemohle, president of the failed institution on charges which in short are banking irregularities.

The complaint contains seven counts, was sworn to before Justice Clayton Thursday by Fred Stephan, one of the depositors of the bank, and one of the leading merchants of Ellinwood.

Each count recites that on certain dates, he, Ed Bockemohle, as president of the Bank of Ellinwood, then and there doing business under the laws of the state of Kansas, received money, and checks for deposit when he knew the institution was in a failing condition. The various dates and amounts making up the seven counts are as follows:

January 2, 1908, \$ 500.24.

January 6, 1908, 253.42.

January 9, 1908, 387.49.

January 13, 1908, 661.44.

January 14, 1908, 926.55.

January 15, 1908, 1058.63.

January 16, 1908, 729.83.

Total \$4517.00

The accused man had disposed of his residence property in the city of Ellinwood, had turned over some property to the receiver of the bank, and was preparing his household goods for shipment to Kansas City where he intended making his home, his family already having gone. He was brought to the city Thursday evening and remained in the custody of the sheriff, pending a preliminary hearing and other moves.

The arrest of Mr. Bockemohle really has caused no surprise, as there has been considerable talk ever since the closing of the bank that as an officer of the institution he must have had some knowledge of the failing condition it was in, still some people have considered that he was innocent of any knowledge and thus the matter stood until now.

Surprise Party.

A number of friends of Fred Witte out on route two assembled at his home Friday for the purpose of assisting him in celebrating his birthday. There were about fifty present, and such a time as they had. They had one of those excellent south side dinners, trimmings and all. They had fine sham cake fixed up for the Rustler man, but through the intervention of his friends, they decided not to fool him. Those present from town were Mr. and Mrs. William Gagelman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hans, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dennis and Mrs. P. H. Markey and son Bernard.

A Visit From a Burglar.

The following paragraph taken from the Kansas City Star of Friday evening, may be of interest to the friends of Mr. Dodge in this part of the country:

O. V. Dodge reported to the police this morning that his home 2915 Charlotte street had been robbed last night of the following articles: One Delta Omicron "frat" pin, two gold watches, a pocketbook containing \$15, a pass card to the Kansas City Athletic club and twenty three tickets to the Y. W. C. A. Old World Market show.

An Enjoyable Excursion.

Miss Hermie Lee, teacher at the Plankenhorn school, district 71 closed her school Friday after a very satisfactory term to teacher, patrons and scholars. A big dinner was served at noon to about one hundred and ten pupil and visitors. Among the visitors the

city people were in the majority as they seemed to be fully devised as to the locality in which they can get the largest variety and the most of the very best things to eat and opportunities like this one is never missed if it is possible for them to get away. To say that everybody enjoyed themselves is putting it as mild as we can. Most of those present are sorry that they can have but one last day of school a year.

A game of ball was played in the afternoon between a nine from the eighth grade this city and a pick up from the country, as near as we can find out the score was, city, 13; pick up nine 8 (if this score is not correct we are not responsible). The game was to be played between Pioneer and eighth grade but the Pioneer boys did not come. The last day of school is always an event that has more real sociability in it than anything else we can remember.

Mrs. H. B. Kitchen Dead.

Word has been received that Mrs. H. B. Kitchen died at South Bend, Ind., on May 1st after a long illness. She had gone to that point for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kitchen have been living on a farm near Pawnee Rock, but formerly lived in this city. Mr. Kitchen being employed by the Santa Fe. Mrs. Kitchen was a very quiet and retiring woman, who possessed many friends, who will unite in extending sympathy. She leaves a husband and four children. She was a member of the Christian church of this city.

J. B. Prose, the Hoisington attorney was over Tuesday and called at this office. Mr. Prose informed us that Hon. Frank S. Monnett of Columbus, Ohio ex-attorney general of Ohio stopped off at Hoisington on his way home from the coast and visited with him for several days. Judge Monnett is the attorney that first started the investigation of the Standard Oil company that resulted in the \$29,000,000 fine. Mr. Prose and the judge are old friends.

The board of education met Friday evening and elected the following teachers. Prof. Guy Clayton, Mr. Clayton will probably take the commercial department in the high school. Miss Blanch Thatcher, Miss Zoe Chapman, Prof. James Freer, Miss Elsie Wood, Mrs. Lillie Rediger, Miss Mary Swartz, Miss Cora Peck and Miss Edna Lewis. Miss Peck, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Peck and has for some time lived in New Hampshire. Miss Edna Lewis lives at Pawnee Rock the other teachers are all well known here. There are still several others to be elected.

Miss Irene Hooper gave a party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss McNeel of Kingman and Miss Pauline Goodwin of Denver.

About thirty guests were present. Progressive games were played and a trip to San Francisco, Denver, Kansas City, Chicago, New York and Washington D. C. enjoyed. Along the line the candy kid, pop corn boy, the apple woman and the newboy were in evidence. Lunches were had at the Fred Harvey eating houses all along the line, the passengers enjoying the trips immensely. Miss Irene Hooper, General Passenger Agent of the H. M. & G. Railway Co. accompanied the tourists and is voted a success as manager of the excursion. Everyone had a good time and are loud in their praise of Miss Hooper, especially in introducing the novel railway trip.

If you want a gasoline stove that is reliable, buy a Reliable gasoline stove of the Great Bend Hdwe & Impl't Co.

Serious Runaway

Quite a serious runaway occurred a mile north of Fairview Cemetery last Saturday night about eleven o'clock. Ote Durham and wife, Mrs. Paul Andrae and Miss Hulda Witt, who had been here attending the Witt trial, were on their way to their homes in Hudson. The night was dark and the buggy run into a deep cut in the road and was overturned. The occupants were thrown out and the horses ran away. In the general mixup Mrs. Durham sustained a broken forearm and Mrs. Andrae was hurt about the head, which rendered her unconscious.

Just after the accident happened Jake Hitz, of Hayes township, who was on his way home from St. John, came along and seeing their predicament, brought them back to town. Physicians were summoned and the unfortunate ladies given needed medical treatment.—St. John News.

Charley Wells was at Radium Tuesday. Wheat looks fine in that locality.

Ott Tromer and Michael Bell were over from Hoisington Tuesday afternoon.

John Raber of Boise, Idaho, was up from Ellinwood this morning on business.

There will be a meeting of the Republican voters of South Bend township Friday the 16th.

School district No. 11, Geil neighborhood, Clarence township have voted \$1000 bond, to build a school house 24x40.

Misses Helene Connelt and Anna Sutherland left Thursday evening and will visit Hutchinson, Sylvia, Patridge and Nickerson.

George Owen and his sister, Miss Minnie Owen went home to LaCrosse this morning after a visit here with Mr and Mrs. H. J. Smith.

Bert Barnett of Dodge City is here for a brief visit with E. W. Seward and family and friends. Bert has been on the sick list for several days.

Rev. Chas. Davis of Nickerson attended conference here Tuesday and went to Pawnee Rock in the evening for a visit with his brother H. C. Davis and family.

The stockholders of the Great Bend Cemetery Association will take notice that the annual meeting will be held at the office of the Great Bend Furniture Co. on next Monday.

Mrs. Ed Shanafelt arrived this morning from California for a visit with her mother Mrs. Ella O'Brien and sister, Mrs. Turner of New York and other relatives and friends.

We were informed, that the bridge south of the Harris residence on the Walnut is in bad shape, the approaches are in bad condition and holes big enough in the bridge for a horse to fall through.

S. H. Warren, president of the Warren Mortgage Company, of Emporia was here today accompanying a couple of gentlemen from the east, who are interested in western loans. What surprised them was to find so much money on deposit and the bulk of it belonging to farmers. They remarked that they did not believe there was a state in the union that so large a per cent of bank deposits belonged to farmers, and were satisfied that Barton county was the richest agricultural county in the state. We agreed with them on all points.

All Socialists of Barton county should be on hand at the county convention and organization meeting at the court house, Great Bend, May 23rd.

Fred M. Lutschg, chairman.
S. D. Kelly, secretary of Socialist central committee.